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Waterfront Department

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Fiscal Year 2014 Budget and Fee Changes

Scott Riedman, Waterfront Director

Revenue for Fiscal Year 2013 (July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013) is looking better than FY 2012, largely due to cruise ship visits. The Department continues to maintain 100% occupancy in slip and lease rentals. Stearns Wharf and the Harbor remain popular visitor destinations, and tenant sales and percentage rents, as well as parking fee revenue, are showing signs of improvement compared to last year.

During Fiscal Year 2014 (July 1, 2013-June 30, 2014) the Department expects to fund \$1.5 million in Capital Improvement Projects, including sidewalk and parking lot repairs, Stearns Wharf pile and timber repairs, remodeling the Marina 2 restroom, and new sidewalk sections and landscaping near Sea Landing. The Department will take a one-year break from Marina 1 construction and focus on design, permitting and funding for the final four phases of the project. Replacement of "J" and "K" fingers is scheduled to begin in Fiscal Year 2015.

As in prior years, fee increases will be necessary to complete these projects, maintain the Harbor, Stearns Wharf, and other Waterfront facilities while keeping the Department's emergency and construction reserves at required levels.

Fee increases proposed for July 1, 2013 include:

- 2% slip fee increase
- \$25 per foot slip transfer fee increase (not applicable to 20-foot slips)
- \$2 /hour \$12/day maximum parking fee in self pay lots (same as staffed lots)

Waterfront staff reviewed the proposed FY 2014 budget, including the proposed fee increases, with the Harbor Commission in February and March, 2013. City Council reviewed the Waterfront Department's proposed budget at a May 13th work session and the Council is scheduled to adopt the City's overall FY 2014 budget on June 18. If you're interested in these budget issues, please check the City's web site at www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov. Click on **Boards and Commissions/Harbor Commission/City Meeting Videos** for a streaming video recording of the February 21st and March 21st Harbor Commission meetings.



New Lanes Added to the Launch Ramp

Karl Treiberg, Waterfront Facilities Manager

Construction just wrapped up on the west side of the launch ramp. With a \$350,000 grant from the Department of Boating and Waterways (DBW), old deteriorated concrete was replaced by the washdown area and two new launch lanes were added between the washdown and the existing launch lane. The two new lanes will be posted to help boaters know exactly where to launch and retrieve vessels. Grant funds were limited and did not allow for construction of another boarding float. The washdown area remains in the same location with a portion of the sloped ramp replaced to allow trailers to remain on the actual ramp while boats are washed down. The low bidder, Whitaker Construction, did an excellent job of making these much needed improvements.

This project completes replacement of the entire launch ramp which began in 2002. DBW has provided over \$1.2 million in grant funds since then to provide access to the ocean for all types of vessels. The easterly section of the ramp has a low freeboard dock and is dedicated to non-powered watercraft such as kayaks, SUPs, and sailing dinghies. The remainder of the ramp includes two boarding floats and six lanes for launching any type of trailer boat. The launch ramp had previously been reconstructed in the 1960s and was decades past its useful life. Now we should be better able to handle the busiest days at the ramp allowing everyone to launch and retrieve their boats as quickly and efficiently as possible.

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Harbor & Seafood Festival

Saturday,
October 12th
10am-5pm



be installed within the docks. The project will take about one week to complete and provides a template for additional endtie widening projects in Marinas 2, 3, and 4-A. Two new, wider endties will be installed every other year until all of the docks meet state standards. These projects coincide with staff's incremental replacement of dock fingers and mainwalks with Marina 2 to be completed next year.

Harbor Nautical Swap Meet Nets Hearty Participation

The eighth annual Harbor Nautical Swap Meet, held May 11th, enjoyed robust participation, with 56 vendor stalls occupied for the half-day event. Sales at the annual "happening," a fundraiser for the Harbor Merchants Association (HMA), were consistent and brisk, and included the usual fare—kayaks, fishing equipment, pumps, fittings, sailboat rigging and more. Vendors and shoppers alike enjoyed free donuts, bagels and oranges, care of HMA. Mark your calendars now for the ninth annual Harbor Nautical Swap Meet, scheduled for May 10, 2014.



the total amount of junk removed from this year's event to 8,200 pounds—the most for any Clean Sweep event. The seven-year total of seafloor junk removed now stands at 14.4 tons.

Staff wishes to thank all those who participated in this year's Operation Clean Sweep, including volunteers from the Maritime Museum, NOAA, Channel Keeper, Surfrider, and Santa Barbara Zoo, plus several harbor dive businesses. Next year, we'll continue our march through Marina One, targeting fingers "M" through "P."

Protecting Endangered Whales and Ensuring Navigational Safety: Shipping Lanes Adjusted June 1st for the Santa Barbara Channel

Sean Hastings, Resource Protection Coordinator
NOAA Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) has amended the vessel traffic lanes in the Santa Barbara Channel and the approach to the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, effective June 1, 2013. The shift in the vessel traffic lanes is expected to reduce the risk of ship strikes to endangered blue, humpback and fin whales, while ensuring continued navigational safety. The width of the separation zone between the north and southbound lanes was reduced from 2 nautical mile (nm) to 1 nm, and the southbound lane shifted 1 nm away from the islands. The northbound lane remains unchanged.

The Santa Barbara Channel contains some of the highest densities of vessel traffic and blue whales in the world. Ship strikes on whales are a major concern to the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary, and separating ships and whales is the most effective way to mitigate ship strikes to whales. In 2007, four blue whales were killed by ship strikes in or around the Santa Barbara Channel. Over the last 25 years over 30 large whales stranded between Santa Barbara and Los Angeles Counties, including whales brought into the Ports of LALB on the bows of ships. Another 28 whales were killed by ship strikes in Orange and San Diego Counties during this same time period. The amendment to the southern lane is expected to reduce the co-occurrence of ships and whales by moving the lane away from the 200 meter isobath, a known location for feeding whales.

For more information please contact, Andrea Dransfield at andrea.dransfield@noaa.gov or Sean Hastings at Sean.Hastings@noaa.gov. More on the web at <http://channelislands.noaa.gov/focus/alert.html>.

Point Conception Lighthouse Lens Headed to Santa Barbara Maritime Museum

Brian Bosse, Waterfront Business Manager

The Santa Barbara Maritime Museum continues to add impressive displays that celebrate the rich maritime heritage of California's Central Coast. The latest addition will shine a light on nautical history. . .literally.

The Maritime Museum has been designated by the United States Coast Guard to be the future home of the Point Conception Lighthouse First Order Fresnel Lens. This lens, first lit in 1856, guided mariners along some of the most treacherous waters along the Pacific Coast until it was decommissioned in 2000. Using more than 1,000 glass prisms, this lens is not only a work of art, it was also cutting-edge technology for its day, beaming light more than 20 miles out to sea. In recent years the lighthouse lens has been damaged due to vandalism, weather conditions, and neglect. The move to the Maritime Museum will allow this important artifact to be better cared for, and to be seen by the public up close for the first time.

The Maritime Museum has commissioned "lampist" James Woodward and his team to begin disassembly at Point Conception in early June. Visitors to the museum can then watch the lens get reassembled in late June and early July. The full exhibit, opening September 21st, will feature the weight used to turn the lens, logbooks and journals from the keepers and their families, historic photos, and video of the lighthouse and the process used to transfer it to the museum.



Santa Barbara
Maritime Museum

Slip Permittees: Harbor Maintenance's Other Set of Eyes

Don Dwyer, Waterfront Maintenance Supervisor

Have you found a cleat that is broken or maybe a deck board that is loose and you're worried that someone might trip or fall? Do you wonder what you should do or who you should notify? Despite routine inspections, Harbor Maintenance doesn't always find what's broken in a timely manner. We can always use another set of eyes and often rely on our slip permittees to let us know when things break. We appreciate your input when you see or find something that just isn't working properly or needs immediate attention. The best way to bring it to our attention is to call the Harbor Patrol office at 564-5530 or just stop by the office. If you are unable to reach anyone

at the office, Harbor Patrol can be reached by radio on VHF channel 12.

Staff inputs the information into our work order system which assures us that your information gets passed on to Harbor Maintenance. We track all our maintenance and routinely respond to over 2,000 requests for repairs every year. Our work order system allows us to document the time and cost of all repairs and is a good measure of our productivity. Harbor Maintenance is located at 117-C Harbor Way (next door to Paddle Sports). We encourage slip permittees to stop by anytime to let us know how we are doing or if you observe something that needs repair.



Harbor Patrol, City Fire and Coast Guard Participate in Joint Training

On May 21st, during National Safe Boating Week, Santa Barbara Harbor Patrol, Santa Barbara City Firefighters and the U.S. Coast Guard participated in joint training exercises in the waters outside Santa Barbara Harbor.

Scenarios included a vessel adrift near shore with a victim aboard and six helicopter rescues of victims from three different Harbor Patrol boats. City Fire's eighteen-member Water Rescue Team and Coast Guard rescue swimmers participated in the exercise, which gained broad attention from news outlets throughout the region.

The multi-agency training featured a U.S. Coast Guard helicopter dropping



A New Look for Sea Landing

With over 60,000 visitors a year, Sea Landing is one of the most popular destinations at the Waterfront. Residents and visitors alike have enjoyed access to a variety of ocean related activities such as whale watching, sport diving, and sport fishing offered at this location. The number of people passing through Sea Landing has almost doubled with the recent increase in cruise ship visits in the last two years. Sea Landing has been in operation since the sixties and the facilities and surrounding area are showing their age and deserve some upgrades that will give this area a new look.

The first upgrade involves removing the row of diseased myoporum trees opposite



rescue swimmers and making mock rescue lifts from waiting Harbor Patrol boats. The exercise was the first of its kind because it included the Santa Barbara Fire Department's recently formed Water Rescue Team, and was the first training exercise in Santa Barbara waters with a Coast Guard helicopter since 2006.

Held in advance of Memorial Day weekend, the unofficial start of boating season, the training was also intended to remind folks to wear their life jackets, file a float plan and not mix booze and boating. Intoxicated boaters account for 16 percent of all boating fatalities. Some boaters don't realize that laws are the same for drunk driving on the water as they are on the land. Harbor Patrol will be on the lookout for Boating Under the Influence (BUI) violations throughout the summer.

the Sea Shell sheds. These trees look worse every year and are slowly but surely falling down. This summer the myoporum will be replaced with a row of palm trees and other landscaping which will be much more appealing and consistent with the coastal landscape theme that most people enjoy throughout the Waterfront. Santa Barbara Beautiful has generously offered some grant funds to help move this project along as quickly as possible. The landscape upgrades will take place over a few weeks in July and should change the character of this area for the better.

The next upgrade involves replacing the broken sidewalk with an inlaid tile mosaic of the city seal and installing a handrail along the harbor. The sidewalk will include fittings to allow easy installation and removal of the fencing required to meet the "secure facility" requirements for embarking and debarking of cruise ship passengers. These improvements are scheduled for next winter when business slows down at the harbor.

Attention Boaters: Free Oil-Absorbent Bilge Pads

Help prevent bilge-oil leaks, discharges and spills in the harbor. Stop by the Harbormaster's Office and pick up your **free** oil-absorbent bilge pads funded by a grant from CalRecycle.

Got Used Oil? Find a certified Used Oil Recycling Center* nearest you. A list of Recycling Center locations are also available at the Harbormaster's Office.

To: 

* For a complete list of certified used oil collection center, hours of operation, and types of materials collected, visit <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/usedoil/certcenters/>

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Parks & Recreation Concerts in the Park

Concerts on Thursdays
6pm-8:30pm

June 27th
Vaud and the Villains
19 piece 1930s New Orleans Orchestra & Cabaret Show

July 11th
Captain Cardiac and the Coronaries
1950s and 1960s Rock 'n Roll Show

July 18th
Soul City Survivors
Hot Buttered Soul

July 25th
Doña Oxford
Groovy s Funky s Boogie Woogie

August 8th
Summer of Rock! Youth Bands-
Highway 35, Skick, Bad Jack and False Puppet

August 15th
Teresa James & the Rhythm Tramps
Blues

Information
805.564-5418

Waterfront Free Movies on Stearns Wharf

Movies on Fridays
Movies begin at dusk

August 16
ParaNorman (PG-13)

August 23
Despicable Me (PG)

August 30
Oz The Great & Powerful (PG)

September 6
Abbott & Castello Meet Frankenstein (NR)

September 13
Jack the Giant Slayer (PG-13)

September 20
Finding Nemo (G)

Information
805.897.1962

2013 Waterfront Events

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| 6/27-8/15 | Concerts in the Park (free) |
| 7/4 | Independence Day |
| 8/16-9/20 | Movies on Stearns Wharf (free) |
| 10/12 | Harbor & Seafood Festival |
| 12/8 | Parade of Lights |

2013 Regular Meeting Schedule For Harbor Commission

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| January 17 | July 18 |
| February 21 | August 15 |
| March 21 | September 19 |
| April 18 | October 17 |
| May 16 | November 21 |
| June 20 | December 19 |

Harbor Commission meets the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers